construction etc. The work was to be completed within 30 months from date of financial close i.e. by July 2005.

(b) The scope of work has since been enhanced. Revised cost estimate is under finalization. The project is likely to be substantially completed by December 2006.

(c) and (d) The delay is mainly attributed due to delay in transfer of land from Airport Authority of India, Ministry of Defence and State Government of Haryana and also due to delay in shifting of utilities.

Condition of National Highways

254. SHRI THENNALA G. BALAKRISHNA PILLAI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Highways in the country particularly in southern States are in very bad condition;

(b) if so, the details of such NHs, State-wise;

(c) whether the recent heavy rain in some parts of the country has badly damaged the already damaged National Highways;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken to repair these National Highways?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) and (b) No Sir, except some sections of National Highways No. 28A, 28B, 31, 77, 101, 106, 110 in Bihar, and some sections of National Highways No. 23 and 215 in Orissa which are in very bad condition.

(c) and (d) There have been damages like pot holes, cracks in road surface, erosion of berms and approaches, damages to cross drainage works and bridge structures including washing out of Baily/suspension bridges, washing out of road portions, land slides, settlement of roads etc. on various National Highways due to the recent rain/flood.

(e) Immediate restoration works like filling of pot holes, repair of patches, restoration of embankment, repair of cross drainage works, retaining walls and bridge structures, construction of diversion wherever required, etc.

were taken up to make the road in traffic worthy condition. These steps are in addition to the routine maintenance and periodic renewal works taken up for maintenance of National Highways.

Amritsar-Attari Road

255. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING , ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently instructed the Punjab Government to take up the four-laning of Amritsar-Attari road on a priority basis;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the financial assistance provided by the Central Government to Punjab in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Completion of Golden Quadrilateral Project

†256. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Golden Quadrilateral Project in the country would now cost 35,000 crores of rupees if completed by June, 2006 instead of the earlier estimate of 30,300 crores rupees;

(b) if not, the facts in this regard;

(c) the anticipated time overrun in the completion of the said project; and

(d) the reasons therefor?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.